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Mr. Donald W. Fredbeck Midland Manufacturing Corp. P.O. Box 226 Skokie, IL 60076-0226

Dear Mr. Fredbeck:

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter dated September 30, 1998, requesting an amendment of 49 CFR 179.102-17 by incorporating the provisions of DOT-Exemption 12150 to authorize use of combination-style pressure relief valves equipped with frangible discs constructed of Hastelloy C.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 106.31 and assigned petition number P-1369. If you should write or call us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

Jenhifer Karim

Senior Transportation Regulations Specialist

Office of Hazardous Materials Standards